

TO THE PRESIDENT & GOVERNORS
OF ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL
CAMBRIDGE

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MY LORDS LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

I beg leave to offer myself as a candidate for the office of Physician to your Hospital, now vacant by the retirement of Dr Paget.

I studied medicine at this University, at Addenbrooke's, at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, and at the University of Leipzig: and I am a Doctor of Medicine, a Master of Arts, a Bachelor of Science, a Fellow and member of Council of St John's College, and a member of the Royal College of Physicians.

During the last two years and a half I have with the sanction of the Weekly Board of Governors attended to the out-patients of the Hospital, and from time to time I have been placed in charge of the in-patients also. As Medical Lecturer to St John's College and a recognised Teacher of Medicine in the University I have regularly given courses of lectures and practical instruction in medicine to the students attending the Hospital.

I venture herewith to lay before you a few testimonials from my past and present colleagues and others.

Should it be your pleasure to elect me to the honourable and responsible office which I seek, it will be my constant aim to follow in the footsteps of your late Physician, and work to the best of my power for the good of the patients and the students of the Hospital.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant

DONALD MACALISTER.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

July 11, 1884

TESTIMONIALS

I

In reference to the candidature of Dr Donald MacAlister for the office of Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital I have great pleasure in stating that the reputation for ability which he had established as Senior Wrangler was fully maintained throughout his course of medical studies. In all the Examinations for the degree of M.B. he was either foremost or among the foremost. Since he took that degree, three years ago, he has from time to time with the sanction of the Governors taken charge of my out-patients, and occasionally also of my in-patients during my absence from Cambridge, and has done this to my entire satisfaction.

Having regard to his proved ability and medical acquirements, his personal character, and well-known energy and capacity for work, I can say with complete confidence that he is in the highest degree qualified for the office of Physician to the Hospital.

July 8, 1884

G. E. PAGET

[*M.D., F.R.S., Regius Professor of Physic,
now Consulting Physician to Addenbrooke's
Hospital*]

II

Cambridge, July 8, 1884

Dear MacAlister,

You ask me in the letter just received for a Testimonial of your fitness to fill the office of Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital. I hardly think

one necessary in your case. Your well-known attainments in medical as well as in general subjects are such as few men of your standing possess, and I sincerely believe that if elected you would be a most desirable member of our Staff and a useful officer to the Hospital. Wishing you success I remain

Yours very truly

CHS LESTOURGEON

[*M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon to Addenbrooke's Hospital*]

III

London, July 8, 1884

It will be a just cause of congratulation to Addenbrooke's Hospital if Dr Donald MacAlister be one of its Physicians, and if it will give to one of so great mental power as he has shown the opportunity of increasing the knowledge of scientific medicine.

JAMES PAGET

[*Bart., F.R.C.S., D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S., Consulting Surgeon to St Bartholomew's Hospital*]

IV

Cambridge, July 8, 1884

From the time that Dr MacAlister commenced the study of medicine, and I believe he is the solitary instance of a Senior Wrangler who has pursued it, his great ability was shown by the rapidity and thoroughness with which he mastered the several subjects and the manner in which he distinguished

himself in the several examinations for M.B. Since he took that degree and came to reside in Cambridge he has gained high reputation by his contributions to medical literature, he has given regular courses of lectures in medicine, he has worked much at the Hospital, and he has been a most valuable member of the Board of Medical Studies in the University. It is not on these grounds only that I can strongly recommend him to the Governors of Addenbrooke's Hospital, but further because I know him to be a man of the highest principle, of kind and generous disposition, and to be actuated by that conscientious feeling which will ensure the fullest attention and best care to the patients who may be placed under his charge—if it be, as I trust it will be, the Governors' pleasure to elect him to the responsible office of Physician to the Hospital.

G. M. HUMPHRY

*M.D., F.R.S., Professor of Surgery, and
Surgeon to Addenbrooke's Hospital*

V

17 Trumpington St, Cambridge
July 8, 1884

Dr Donald MacAlister has informed me of his intention to be a candidate for the office, now vacant, of Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital. His distinguished University career affords abundant evidence of his ability, his high mental culture, and his energy. Starting with these advantages he has for some years devoted himself with great assiduity to the study of medicine both in its theoretical and practical aspects. I heartily recommend him to the

Governors of Addenbrooke's Hospital for election, and it will give me great pleasure to welcome him as a colleague on the Staff of that Institution.

P. W. LATHAM

M.D., Senior Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Downing Professor of Medicine Cambridge

VI

3 St Peter's Terrace, Cambridge

July 8, 1884

Dr Donald MacAlister is in my opinion well qualified for the office of Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Since graduating as Senior Wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos of 1877 he has applied himself with considerable assiduity to the study of theoretical and practical medicine, and has latterly rendered efficient service at the Hospital in seeing and prescribing for the out-patients in the absence of the Physicians. His position as Medical Lecturer at St John's College, as joint Editor of the *Practitioner*, and as the translator of Professor Ziegler's Text-book of Pathological Anatomy is however stronger testimony as to his fitness for the post he seeks than any that I can offer.

J. B. BRADBURY

M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Linacre Lecturer in Physic, &c. &c.

VII

Corpus Buildings, Cambridge
July 9, 1884

I have great pleasure in expressing my opinion that Dr MacAlister would be a very great acquisition to the Honorary Staff of Physicians to Addenbrooke's Hospital. He has my hearty good wishes for his success, and I am quite sure the Governors will find in him a worthy successor to the distinguished Physician whose services they have lost.

GEORGE WHERRY

*M.A., M.C. Cantab., F.R.C.S., Honorary
Surgeon to Addenbrooke's Hospital*

VIII

54 Wimpole St, Cavendish Square W
July 8, 1884

Six or seven years ago I had the pleasure of working with Dr Donald MacAlister in the wards of St Bartholomew's Hospital. He came to us with a high reputation from Cambridge, and everything that I have seen or known of him both at our hospital and since he left it has amply justified that reputation. He is indeed a man of intellectual ability far above the common, and this part of his character is set off by moral and social qualities no less sterling. I need hardly add that his eminent fitness for the post of Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital is past all question.

SAMUEL GEE

*Physician to St Bartholomew's Hospital,
and to the Hospital for Sick Children
London*

IX

11 Grafton St, Piccadilly, London W
July 9th, 1884

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the high personal and professional qualifications of Dr Donald MacAlister for the office of a Hospital Physician. I had full opportunity of observing his work when he was at St Bartholomew's Hospital, and in common with others of our staff formed the highest opinion of his clinical capability.

DYCE DUCKWORTH

*M.D. Edin., Physician to St Bartholomew's Hospital,
Treasurer of the Royal College of Physicians*

X

The College
St Bartholomew's Hospital
July 8, 1884

Dr Donald MacAlister is so well-known in the medical world by his admirable edition of Ziegler's Pathology that it seems hardly necessary to write him a testimonial. He worked steadily at clinical medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital, and if appointed Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital I am sure that the Governors will find him to be a painstaking Physician, who will do much for the patients and at the same time add to the reputation of the Hospital.

NORMAN MOORE

*M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians,
Warden of the College of St Bartholomew's
Hospital, Assistant Physician to the Hos-
pital*

XI

66 Brook Street, Grosvenor Square W
July 8, 1884

Dr Donald MacAlister can hardly I think require any testimony of his high qualifications for the appointment of Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital; but I am glad of the opportunity of expressing the hope, in the best interests of the institution, that he may be elected to the office.

W_M S. SAVORY

[*F.R.S., Senior Surgeon and Lecturer on Surgery to St Bartholomew's Hospital*]

XII

36 Bruton Street, Berkeley Square W

I had the pleasure of knowing Dr Donald MacAlister intimately when he was working at St Bartholomew's Hospital. It is needless to say that he displayed all those qualities which mark a student of the highest class: but I may be allowed to state that he was evidently imbued with a strong feeling of devotion to the profession of medicine, and that he used every means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of it, and of gaining an insight into the practical management of patients. He worked hard in the various Departments of the Hospital, and for some time attended my Demonstrations of Surgery. At a later period he rendered services that were on all sides highly appreciated by taking charge of the Class of Natural Philosophy. I consider Dr MacAlister to be eminently qualified for the highly important and responsible post which Dr Paget has just resigned at the Addenbrooke's Hospital of Cambridge.

July 8, 1884

HOWARD MARSH

Assistant Surgeon and Lecturer on Anatomy at St Bartholomew's Hospital, Surgeon to the Hospital for Sick Children

XIII

15 Wimpole Street, Cavendish Square W
July 9, 1884

My dear MacAlister,

Testimonials in your case I should have thought superfluous, and yet I am glad to have the opportunity of expressing my own high admiration of your most unusual ability. I remember well the impression you made upon all those with whom you came into relation at St Bartholomew's Hospital, and when you decided to return to Cambridge I felt that the profession in London had suffered loss, while Cambridge gained. Your election to Addenbrooke's, which I hope is assured, will I am convinced add both to the reputation and attraction of the Cambridge Medical School and be to the advantage of the Hospital. I wish you success with all my heart.

Yours very sincerely,

SAMUEL WEST

[*M.D. Oxon., late Casualty Physician, and Medical Tutor, to St Bartholomew's Hospital, Assistant Physician to the Royal Free Hospital, London*]

XIV

47 Park Street, Grosvenor Square W
July 9, 1884

It is with the greatest satisfaction that I hear that Dr Donald MacAlister is a candidate for the office of Physician to Addenbrooke's Hospital. His brilliant career at Cambridge, and the sterling work he has

already done in medicine, afford so much evidence of his great ability and promise for the future that the Governors of the Hospital may well be congratulated on having such a candidate before them. Not only the best interests of the Hospital but also the interests of the Medical School at Cambridge will, in my opinion, be advanced by the election of Dr MacAlister to the office for which he is now a candidate and for which he is most admirably qualified.

REGINALD E. THOMPSON

*M.D., Assessor to the Regius Professor of Physic,
Physician to the Hospital for Consumption,
Brompton*

XV

As joint Editor of the *Practitioner* with Dr MacAlister I have had unusual opportunities of discovering that the mathematical ability of which he has given such abundant evidence is not in him a special talent but the simple product of a powerful and many-sided mind. His linguistic power makes him a most valuable coadjutor, for as he reads five or six modern languages with facility he is able to make himself acquainted with the literature of medicine all over the world, and his linguistic power is equalled by the accuracy of his judgment and the soundness of his criticism. These gifts are moreover accompanied by sound common sense and by a practical appreciation of the wants both of his individual patients and of the profession at large, and it is these last which in my opinion fit him in a very unusual degree for the position of Physician to a Hospital. I most sincerely hope that he may be appointed to fill the present vacancy at Addenbrooke's, so that both the patients and the profession may profit by the application to clinical work of his ability and energy.

July 10, 1884

T. LAUDER BRUNTON

*M.D., Sc. D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., Assistant Physician
to St Bartholomew's Hospital*

